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for the

DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1966

To the Chairman and Members

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

In accordance with my statutory duties I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1966.

There has been no change in the Port Health District of Dartmouth and Totnes as constituted in the year 1888 by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board.

The report follows the form and sequence laid down by the Ministry of Health in Form 'Port 20' 1952.

SECTION I - Staff - No change

SECTION II

Amount of Shipping entering the District
during the year 1966

Table B

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number Inspected		No. ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
For'n Ports	257	14669	10	257	NIL
Coast Wise	15	5352	2	15	NIL
TOTAL	272	20021	12	272	NIL

SECTION III

Character of Shipping and Tonnage during year 1966

Table C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil)
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS - Coal, Timber, Hardboard Principal EXPORTS - Nil)
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which Ships arrive - Baltic, Waterford Rotterdam & Ayr	

Ships proceeding to Totnes - Total 53
Timber 45
Hardboard 8

Shipping entering the port shows a decrease in both number of ships (60) and tonnage (4128 tons) as compared with 1965. The total number of ships proceeding to Totnes increased by 11 ships as compared to 1965.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply - No change

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952
No change

SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent in the district:

First Line - Ham Green Hospital, Bristol
County Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard

Second Line - Lee Mills Hospital, Ivybridge

- (2) Arrangements for transport are provided by the Plymouth Hospital Service who are responsible for the ambulance and vaccinal state of the ambulance crews. This is a part of the Devon County Ambulance Service. The ambulance is contacted through the Ambulance Headquarters at Torquay.

SECTION VII (Cont.)

- (3) Name of Smallpox consultant available:
Dr. W.H. St. John-Brooke, West Cornwall Hospital,
Penzance.
- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox:
The Virus Reference Laboratory, Colindale, London,
N.W.4 or through the Public Health Laboratory at
Bradninch Hall, Castle Street, Exeter.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

The South West Regional Hospital Board have appointed Dr. A.J. Evans as consultant in Veneriology to the Plymouth and Devon and Exeter clinical areas with effect from the 1st September, 1966

The following weekly clinics are held at Torbay Hospital

Thursday	{	4 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	FEMALE
		6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	MALE

Mr. J.A. McGhie continues to be responsible for day to day matters in connection with Venereal Disease work.

There are no local facilities available for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease amongst Merchant Seamen.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Disease on Ships

No Change.

SECTION X - Observation on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships

No change

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infested with, or suspected for Plague

No change

SECTION XII - Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports

1. Procedure for inspection of ships in Port:
Routine inspection of ships entering port
by Public Health Inspector.
2. Arrangements for bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter.

Number of rodents sent for examination during the year - NIL

3. There are no arrangements in the district for deratting ships.
4. Procedure in the rat proofing of ships - NIL

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports - NIL (Table E)

De-ratting certificates and de-ratting exemption certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports - NIL (Table F)

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

Table G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notice
		Stat'yry Notices	Infml Ntces	
General examination of crew's quarters, heads, water supply, store rooms, hold and bilges	272	Nil	Nil	-
TOTAL	272	Nil	Nil	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948
No Change

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens - No change

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous - No change

During the year 1966 the following patients were treated by me:

1. at the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital

Haematemesis	1 case	Transported to Torbay Hospital
Multiple lacerations	1 case	" " "
Burns	1 case	
Blood pressure	1 case	

2. at the surgery or at the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital as outpatients:

Nervous disease	2 cases
Colitis	1 case
Cystitis	1 case
Sprain	1 case
Ulcer of leg	1 case
Minor ailments & injuries	12 cases

There were no cases of Venereal Disease or Infectious Disease.

All foreshores, quays and jetties have been inspected and found satisfactory.

Sewer outfalls satisfactory or under surveillance.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant,

A. D. VERNIQUET, M.B., Ch.B.
Port Medical Officer of
Health.

